REMARKS

Claims 36-45 are pending in the present application. In the office action mailed March 26, 2004 (the "Office Action"), claims 36-45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 36 and 41 have been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The amendments to claims 36 and 41 do not narrow or further limit the scope of the invention as recited by the respective claims. Generally, the amendments to claims 36 and 41 make explicit what is implicit in the claims, add language that is inherent in unamended claims 36 and 41, or merely redefine a claim term that is previously apparent from the description in the specification. Consequently, the amendments to claims 36 and 41 should not be construed as being "narrowing amendments," because the amendments were not made for a substantial reason related to patentability.

All of the claims pending in the present application are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and a timely Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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